

House Resolution No. 306

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State organizations which bring glory and honor to themselves and to this great state through the excellence of their achievements; and

Whereas, Volunteer Lawyers and Accountants for the Arts has attained considerable distinction since its inception in 1981 by the Arts and Humanities Commission (now known as the Regional Arts Commission) and the Saint Louis University School of Law; and

Whereas, accountants were added to the membership of Volunteer Lawyers and Accountants for the Arts in 1984, and now more than three hundred legal and financial experts offer counsel to artists and administrators through the donation of approximately \$75,000 in pro bono services each year; and

Whereas, Volunteer Lawyers and Accountants for the Arts will enhance its already impressive record of achievement when it receives a 2005 Missouri Arts Award in the area of Arts Organization from the Missouri Arts Council; and

Whereas, Missouri Arts Awards are sponsored by the Missouri Arts Council, the state's grant making agency for the arts which provides nearly \$3 million in assistance to nonprofit organizations throughout Missouri; and

Whereas, a division of the Missouri Department of Economic Development, the Missouri Arts Council is the second oldest, state-funded arts agency in the country; and

Whereas, the Missouri Arts Council was founded in 1965 to encourage and stimulate the growth, development, and appreciation of the arts in Missouri and is overseen by a fifteen-member Board which consists of volunteer citizens from across the state who are appointed by the Governor; and

Whereas, Governor Matt Blunt and First Lady Melanie Blunt will present executive director Sue Greenberg with the Volunteer Lawyers and Accountants for the Arts Missouri Arts Award on Wednesday, February 9, 2005, in the Capitol Rotunda in Jefferson City:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of the Volunteer Lawyers and Accountants for the Arts for a 2005 Missouri Arts Award in the area of Arts Organization and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of their splendid efforts on behalf of the visual and performing arts and our sincerest best wishes for continued success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Volunteer Lawyers and Accountants for the Arts of Saint Louis, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Rachel Storch
District No. 64

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 306, adopted January 31, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker